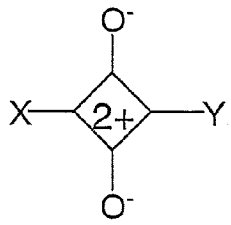
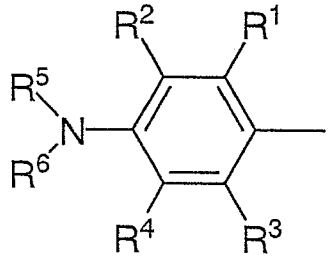
a.) Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by Formula (I):




(I)

~~[wherein~~ wherein X represents a group represented by following Formula (A):

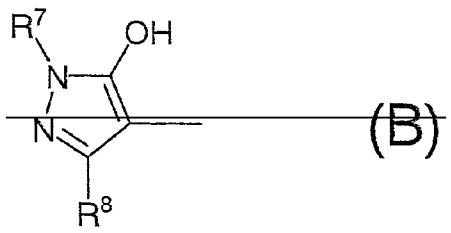



(A)

(wherein $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$, and $R^4$ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein $R^1$ and $R^2$, or $R^3$ and $R^4$ may be combined together with adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and $R^5$ and $R^6$ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein $R^5$ and $R^6$

may be combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s), or $R^2$ and $R^5$, or $R^4$ and $R^6$ may be combined together with the adjacent N-C-C to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s)), ~~or~~ and

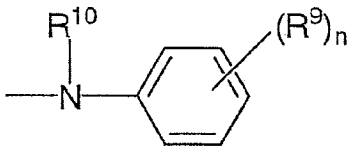
~~X represents a group represented by following Formula (B):~~




~~(B)~~

~~(wherein $R^7$ and $R^8$ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s));~~ ~~and~~

Y represents a group represented by following Formula (C):

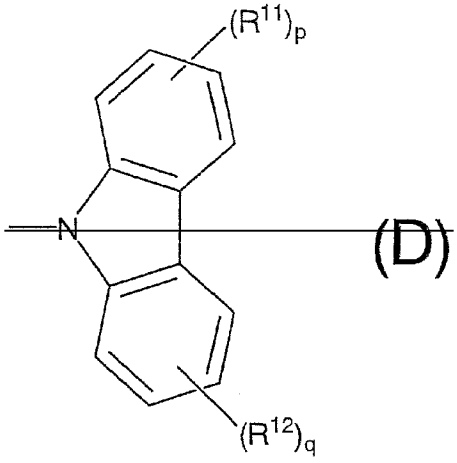



(C)

~~(wherein~~ wherein $R^9$ represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro

group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), -N=N-$R^{9A}$ (wherein $R^{9A}$ represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); "n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective $R^9$s may be the same or different, or further adjacent two $R^9$s may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and $R^{10}$ represents ~~a hydrogen atom,~~ an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s) ~~substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or~~

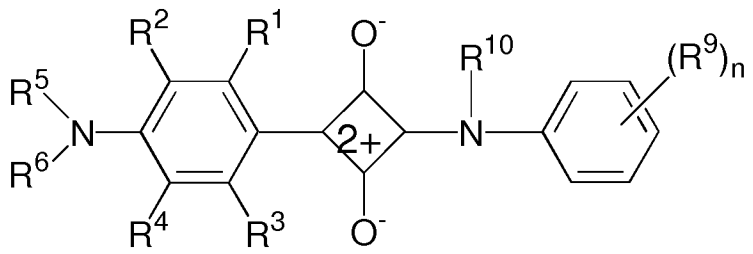
~~Y represents a group represented by following Formula (D):~~




~~(wherein $R^{11}$ and $R^{12}$ independently represent a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro~~

~~group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); and "p" and "q" independently represent an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when "p" or "q" is 2 to 4, respective $R^{11}$s and respective $R^{12}$s may be the same or different)]~~.

2. (Currently Amended) A filter for electronic display devices, comprising a squarylium compound represented by Formula (Ia):



(Ia)

~~(wherein~~ wherein $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$ and $R^4$ independently represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s), wherein $R^1$ and $R^2$, or $R^3$ and $R^4$ may be combined together with adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s);

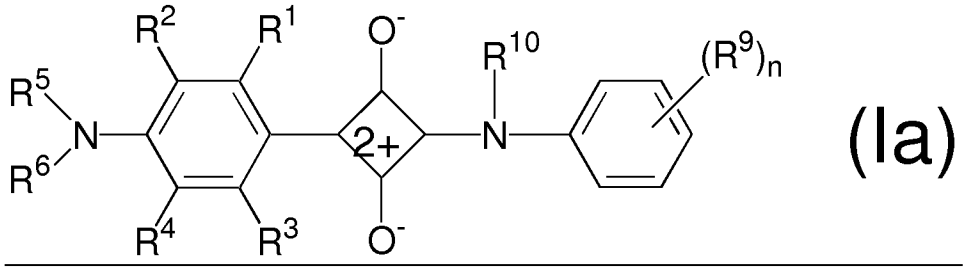
$R^5$ and $R^6$ independently represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having

substituent(s), wherein $R^5$ and $R^6$ may be combined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s), or $R^2$ and $R^5$, or $R^4$ and $R^6$ may be combined together with the adjacent N-C-C to form a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s);

$R^9$ represents a halogen atom, an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an alkoxy group optionally having substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, an amino group optionally having substituent(s), -N=N-$R^{9A}$ (wherein $R^{9A}$ represents an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s)), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s); "n" represents an integer of 0 to 5, wherein, when "n" is 2 to 5, respective $R^9$s may be the same or different, or further adjacent two $R^9$s may be combined together with the adjacent two carbon atoms to form a hydrocarbon ring optionally having substituent(s) or a heterocyclic ring optionally having substituent(s); and

$R^{10}$ represents ~~a hydrogen atom,~~ an alkyl group optionally having substituent(s) ~~substituent(s), an aralkyl group optionally having substituent(s), an aryl group optionally having substituent(s), or a heterocyclic group optionally having substituent(s))~~.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The filter~~ A filter for electronic display devices ~~according to claim 2~~, comprising a squarylium compound represented by Formula (Ia):




(Ia)

wherein $R^1$, $R^2$, $R^3$, and $R^4$ are independently a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or a hydroxyl group;

$R^5$ and $R^6$ are independently an alkyl group;

$R^9$ is an alkyl group or an alkoxy group;

$R^{10}$ is a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group; and

"n" is an integer of 0 to 2.

Claims 4-11 (Cancelled).